

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 92-556-C - ORDER NO. 93-216  
MARCH 8, 1993

IN RE: Proceeding to Consider the Application ) ORDER GRANTING  
of Directory Assistance Charges to ) RECONSIDERATION  
Customer-Owned Pay Telephones. ) IN PART

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the March 2, 1993 Petition for Reconsideration filed by the South Carolina Public Communications Association (SCPCA) and International Payphones, Inc. (International) (the Petitioners) pursuant to R.103-881 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the Commission and S.C. CODE ANN. §58-9-1200 (1976, as amended).

The Petition states that on February 17, 1993, this Commission issued Order No. 93-150 in this Docket allowing the local exchange carriers (LECs) to charge Customer Owned Coin Operated Telephone (COCOT) providers for Directory Assistance calls and allowing COCOT providers to charge their end-users the same fees. The Petition alleges that the Order does not provide for an effective date.

First, the Petition for Reconsideration states that the Petitioners would request that the Order be made effective simultaneously with the Order issued by this Commission in the proceeding which addresses the issue of Directory Assistance charges for LEC payphones. It should be noted that Order No.

93-150 recently established a docket in this area. In the alternative, Petitioners request that Order No. 93-150 not be made effective until after a reasonable time and no earlier than June 1, 1993 during which the COCOT providers may reprogram their switches to implement the Directory Assistance charge and, therefore, charge end-users for any charges that the LECs charge them up to the limits of Commission Order No. 93-150.

The Commission has considered this matter and does not agree that Order No. 93-150 should be held in abeyance until the Order which addresses the issue of Directory Assistance charges for LEC payphones. However, the Commission does believe that it is reasonable to establish an effective date of June 1, 1993 for Order No. 93-150, in order to give COCOT providers time to reprogram their switches to implement the Directory Assistance charge. This way, the COCOT providers will be able to collect charges imposed on them by the LECs from their end-users.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The Petition for Reconsideration is granted in part.
2. The effective date of Order No. 93-150 shall be June 1, 1993.

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3. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director

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